

MICHAEL HANSON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 404.]

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MARCH 19, 1860.

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Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

## REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Hanson, report:*

That they have examined the same, and find the facts as reported by the Senate Committee on Pensions in May, 1854, and Naval Affairs in July, 1856. They adopt these reports, and make them part of this. They cannot, however, report a bill granting arrearages to January 1, 1846, having adopted a rule not to report bills granting arrearages beyond the date on which the petition was filed before their committee, which, in this case, appears to have been on the 10th day of January, 1857. They report a bill granting a pension of six dollars per month from that date.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Hanson for a pension, report:*

That the case was first presented to Congress in 1846, and the proofs then submitted proving satisfactory to the Committee on Naval Affairs, a favorable report and bill were submitted in that year. The bill passed the Senate, but failed to become a law. In 1848 a similar report was made, accompanied by a bill, which also passed the Senate. In 1850 the Commissioner of Pensions recommended the case to the favorable consideration of Congress as a meritorious one. The committee find the case, as set forth in report of the Committee on Naval Affairs in 1846, fully sustained by the papers then filed. That report is hereto appended as part of this report. In view of the long delay of this claim, repeatedly acknowledged to be just, your committee deem it proper to report a bill granting a pension as prayed for, to commence on the 1st of January, 1846, the date at which the proofs were satisfactorily completed.

IN SENATE, July 18, 1846.

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Hanson, have considered the same, with the accompanying evidence, and now report :*

That it appears by the petition and evidence that Hanson has been in the naval service of the United States twenty-one years ; and has, during that period, sustained a good reputation for correct habits and for efficiency and fidelity as a seaman. He is now old and poor, and suffering under injuries received while on board the frigate United States, under the command of Commander Williamson, in 1837. The injury was a rupture of the groin, and is fully established by proof derived from the surgeon and other officers of the ship. The extent of his present disability is shown to be one-half ; in accordance with which the committee report a bill for his relief.